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MEMORANDUM FOR LEGISLATIVE AND LIAISON OFFICER

Subject: Amendments to Proposed Legislation

1. A recent review of the Appropriation Section of the proposed legislation indicates that it would be proper to add two specific authorities. One would provide continuing from the last word of Section 5(b), "Expenses of travel in connection with, and expenses incident to attendance at meetings of professional, technical, scientific and other similar organizations when, in the judgment of the Director, such attendance would be of benefit in the conduct of the work of the agency." The Finance Office has recently informed us that difficulties have been experienced with such expenses which would be obviated by the above language.

2. The original Appropriation Section was drafted prior to the Federal Tort Claims Act of 1946, and no provision was made therein for appropriations to be used in settlement of such claims. That Act provides in part [28 U.S.C. 921(c)] that any award or compromise shall be paid out of appropriations that may be made therefor which appropriations are authorized. It is suggested, therefore, that after the provision quoted in paragraph 1, the following provision should be added to Section 5(b) of the proposed legislation, "award, compromise or settlement of claims under the provisions of the Act of August 2 1946 [60 Stat. 843, 28 U.S.C. 921]".